

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

10/16/2024 - 10:30 AM

I. WELCOME

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held today at 10:30 am, in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 55 E. Court Street, Doylestown, Pennsylvania. In attendance were Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, Chair; Commissioner Robert J. Harvie, Vice Chair; and Commissioner Gene DiGirolamo, Secretary. Commissioner Marseglia welcomed everyone to the meeting and Tyler Burns, Director of Board of Elections/Voter Registration, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition

The Commissioners recognized Michael Finkelston from MHDP for thirty years of employment with the county. Also recognized were the following employees reaching twenty-year anniversaries: Michele Daley from Domestic Relations; Valerie Davis from Adult Probation; and Shantelle Cumberbatch Gammon & Tracy Tomlinson from Children & Youth.

B. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Commissioners proclaimed October 2024 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month," to commend the Cancer Support Community Greater Philadelphia at Gilda's Club for the important services they provide to those impacted by cancer. Program Director Beth Cribb accepted the proclamation and presented information about the organization. Commissioner DiGirolamo shared a story about the start of Gilda's Club 20 years ago.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comment:

- Jebbeh Kawah from Bristol
- Bill Everett from Middletown Township
- Crys Harm from Middletown
- Edward Mackouse from Buckingham
- Beth Roth from Bedminster Township
- Robert McLain from Milford Township
- John Bennett from Telford
- Christine Galione from Richland
- Russ Taranto from Doylestown
- Rochelle Porto from Bensalem
- Beth Curcio from Warminster
- Andy Warren from Middletown Township
- Linsey Leahy from Warwick

Commissioner Marseglia, Commissioner Harvie, Director of General Services George Hutt, and Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick each contributed responses addressing the various questions and comments.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Commissioner Harvie, seconded by Commissioner DiGirolamo, with the vote being 3-0, the following items on the consent agenda were approved:

A. Approve minutes from the October 2, 2024 meeting.

B. Resolutions

1. Agricultural Land Preservation

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| a. | With: | A. Bruce & Gretchen G. Weikel and The Estate of Doris L. Weikel, Perkasio, PA |
| | Amount: | \$135,315 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve county's portion of a 90.21-acre agricultural conservation easement on the Weikel Farm located on Callowhill Road in Hilltown Township. (TMPs 15-011-088-002; 15-011-091; 15-011-092; 15-011-064) |

2. BH/DP

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| a. | With: | Access Services, Inc., Fort Washington, PA |
| | Amount: | \$799,325** (County 3.9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide mental health and intellectual disability services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25 |
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| b. | With: | AHEDD, Inc., Camp Hill, PA |
| | Amount: | \$56,465** (County 3.9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide supported employment and transportation services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25 |
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| c. | With: | Associated Production Services, Inc., Doylestown, PA |
| | Amount: | \$91,733** (County 3.9%) |
| | Purpose: | Approve contract to provide vocational rehabilitation and community support services. |

7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- d. With: BARC Developmental Services, Inc., Holicong, PA
 Amount: \$2,518,977** (County 9.3%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide intellectual disability and early
 intervention services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- e. With: Be Well Transitional Living, LLC, Bristol, PA
 Amount: \$546,500** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to operate Transition House.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- f. With: Bensalem PCH LLC d/b/a Allegria at the Oaks
 Bensalem, PA
 Amount: \$669,660** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide personal care home support
 services for individuals with a mental health diagnosis.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- g. With: Brooke Glen Behavioral Hospital, Fort Washington, PA
 Amount: \$120,000** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide inpatient services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- h. With: Carelink Community Support Services, Media, PA
 Amount: \$202,911** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide maximum supervision
 residential rehabilitation services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- i. With: CO-MANS, Inc., Penndel, PA
 Amount: \$1,141,666** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide supported living,
 supported housing, and community residential services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- j. With: Employment Technology, Inc., Penndel, PA
 Amount: \$301,518** (County 3.9%)

- Purpose: Approve contract to provide supported employment services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- k. With: Goodwill Keystone Area, Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$131,567** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide supported employment services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- l. With: Indian Creek Foundation, Inc., Souderton, PA
Amount: \$207,488** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide community participation support and residential services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- m. With: Kutest Kids Early Intervention, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$201,474** (County 10%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention therapy services for children.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- n. With: Lower Bucks Hospital, Bristol, PA
Amount: \$180,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide hospital inpatient services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- o. With: Mental Health Partnerships, Philadelphia, PA
Amount: \$85,000** (County 3.9%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide peer support services.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- p. With: Office of Justice Programs/Bureau of Justice Assistance
Washington, DC
Amount: \$1,000,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve acceptance of grant for the construction of Bright Path Center for mental health crisis services by Lenape Valley Foundation.
7/1/24 – 6/30/26

- q. With: Reach Out Foundation of Bucks County, Penndel, PA
 Amount: \$274,022** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide social rehabilitation drop-in
 center services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- r. With: Resources for Human Development, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
 Amount: \$1,993,774** (County 3.9%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide long term structured residential
 services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

- s. With: Sunshine Therapy Club, Inc., Bala Cynwyd, PA
 Amount: \$561,090** (County 10%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide early intervention services.
 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

3. Board of Elections

- a. With: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State
 Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$24,225.61 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve acceptance of 2024 Help America Vote Act (HAVA)
 grant.
 3/24/24 – 12/31/25

- b. With: DMT Solution Global Corporation d/b/a/ BlueCrest
 Danbury, CT
 Purpose: Approve contract amendment to incorporate county
 insurance requirements.
 9/21/24 – 9/20/25

- c. With: Knowlnk, LLC, St. Louis, MO
 Amount: \$40,000** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide onsite support for
 electronic poll books.

4. Commissioners

- a. With: Bucks County Industrial Development Authority (BCIDA)

Purpose: Doylestown, PA
Approve Certificate of Approval for 1803 N. Fifth Street LLC in Perkasio, for an issuance of bonds not to exceed \$4,000,000 pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

5. Corrections

a. With: PowerDMS, Inc., ElSegundo, CA
Amount: \$29,605.53** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide policy and compliance management platform.
1/1/24 – 12/31/24

6. District Attorney

a. With: The Pennsylvania Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority
Mechanicsburg, PA
Amount: \$587,463 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to accept Fraud Prevention and Prosecution Grant.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25

7. Emergency Communications

a. With: Computer Design & Integration, LLC, New York, NY
Amount: \$15,006.51** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide Veeam backup and recovery software & support for the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system.
8/15/24 – 9/24/25

b. With: Computer Design & Integration, LLC, New York, NY
Amount: \$126,292.32** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide VMware software to support the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system.
8/16/24 – 8/15/27

8. General Services

a. With: Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc., Wilmington, DE

Amount: \$884,494.10** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract for the Rehabilitation of Bridge #365
Beaver Run Road over Beaver Creek in Tinicum Township.
120 days from NTP

b. With: Fred Beans Ford, Inc., Doylestown, PA
Amount: \$67,989 (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve purchase of 2024 F-350 chassis with mason dump
truck upfit.

c. With: Industrial Diesel Power, Inc., Croydon, PA
Amount: \$15,000** (County 100%)
Purpose: Approve contract increase for generator maintenance
inspection program.
3/2/22 – 3/1/25

d. With: Patrick & Krista Kovitch, Hatfield, PA
Amount: \$17,928 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve lease of county property located at 30 Church
Road in Hatfield.
11/1/24 – 10/31/25

e. With: PennDOT Engineering District 6-0, King of Prussia, PA
Amount: \$15,000 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve right-of-way on county property located at County
Line Road & Bethlehem Pike in Hilltown Township. (TMP
15-022-002)

9. Hazardous Materials

a. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Harrisburg, PA
Purpose: Approve recertification of Bucks County Hazardous Incident
Response Team as the primary state certified team for
Bucks County.

b. With: Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
Harrisburg, PA
Amount: \$31,470 (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve Radiological Emergency Response Fund (Act 147)

grant.
10/16/24 – 7/30/25

10. Housing & Community Development

- a. With: Benevate, Inc. d/b/a Neighborly Software, Atlanta, GA
 Amount: \$53,550** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to provide software services for
 grant management.
 7/19/24 – 7/18/25

- b. With: Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, Harrisburg, PA
 Amount: \$500,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve contract for Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and
 Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) grant funding.
 10/24/24 – 10/15/26

11. Human Services

- a. With: Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc., Doylestown, PA
 Purpose: Approve contract extension for opioid settlement funding to
 provide case management and short-term housing to
 families affected by the opioid epidemic.
 10/1/24 – 12/31/24

- b. With: Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Washington, DC
 Amount: \$545,000 (Revenue)
 Purpose: Approve Byrne Discretionary Grant funding to provide the
 DA L.O.V.E. is the Answer program.
 6/1/23 – 5/31/25

12. Law Department

- a. With: MCCi, LLC d/b/a JustFOIA, Tallahassee, FL
 Purpose: Approve business associate agreement to provide redaction
 services for the county.
 9/26/24 – Open

13. Neshaminy Manor

- a. With: ASE Direct, Inc., Brentwood, TN
 Amount: \$34,000* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase and extension to purchase blood glucose monitoring supplies.
 12/19/24 – 12/18/25

- b. With: Specialty Medical Products, Malvern, PA
 Amount: \$61,110* (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to provide therapy oxygen for residents.
 11/1/24 – 10/31/27

14. Planning Commission

- a. With: Gilmore & Associates, Inc., New Britain, PA
 Amount: \$24,780** (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to perform additional PennDOT submissions and NPDES permit renewals for the Core Creek Park Trail Project.
 10/3/18 – Completion

- b. With: Michael Baker International, Inc., Hamilton, NJ
 Amount: \$127,500** (County 0%)
 Purpose: Approve contract to update the county's 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan. (Subject to final approval by county solicitor)
 10/16/24 – 10/15/26

15. Printing and Reproduction

- a. With: Lindenmeyr Munroe, Mount Joy, PA
 Amount: \$30,058.30* (County 100%)
 Purpose: Approve county's portion of the Southeastern PA Counties Cooperative Purchasing Board's bid for envelopes.
 9/1/24 – 8/31/25

16. Purchasing

- a. With: Central Poly-Bag Corp., Linden, NJ
 Amount: \$4,400* (County 45%)
 Purpose: Approve contract increase to purchase bags and can liners.
 6/24/24 – 6/23/27

17. Workforce & Economic Development

- a. With: Bucks County Workforce Development Board
Purpose: Approve Partnership and Fiscal Agent Agreement as required by the U.S. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
9/1/24 – 9/1/27

18. Youth Center

- a. With: County of Lebanon, Lebanon, PA
Amount: \$650/day/resident (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- b. With: County of Lehigh, Allentown, PA
Amount: \$650/day/resident (Revenue)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide temporary housing for detention of out-of-county juveniles.
7/1/24 – 6/30/28
- c. With: Cream-O-Land Dairy, Florence, NJ
Amount: \$25,000* (County 50%)
Purpose: Approve contract to provide cooler rental and purchase of milk, dairy, and juice products.
10/1/24 – 6/30/25

*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes only ** Unit Cost/Not to Exceed

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Budget Adjustments

David Boscola, Chief Financial Officer, provided information on the proposed budget adjustments.

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, these Budget Adjustments were adopted.

19. 2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
Agenda Description
October 16, 2024

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for new grant funds

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #15	Human Services	190,000
	Human Services (Revenue)	(190,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		-

2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS
Agenda Description
October 16, 2024

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Adjust Operating Budget for additional expenditures

Adjustment	Department	Amount
Adjustment #16	Register of Wills	23,500
	Register of Wills (Revenue)	(23,500)
Adjustment #17	Sheriff	560,000
	Sheriff (Revenue)	(120,000)
Total Adjustment to General Fund Balance		440,000

B. Personnel Actions - Commissioners List

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, the Personnel Actions on the Commissioners' List were approved, with the exception of #20 which was approved by a vote of 2-0-1 with Commissioner Marseglia abstaining.

C. Other Civics

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, the following Other Civics contributions were approved:

20.	Bucks County NAACP	\$1,500
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Drummers with Attitude	\$2,500
Pearl Buck Foundation	\$20,000

VI. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Margie McKevitt introduced Matt Allen, Director of Veterans Affairs, who presented information on the Veterans Expo being held this Friday at the Parx Casino from 1 to 4 pm.

Ms. McKevitt reported that there will be a Medication Take-Back event on Saturday, October 26th from 10 to 2 at forty-six locations throughout the County. Sharps will be collected and Narcan will be distributed at many of these locations.

VII. SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Amy Fitzpatrick reported on Executive Sessions held since the last Commissioners' Meeting:

- October 3rd – to discuss labor negotiations and opioid settlement funds
- October 15th – to discuss personnel matters and potential litigation regarding election issues

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvie provided clarification and shared a video on the mail-in ballot process.

Commissioner Harvie advised that Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, is coming up on November 1st and he wished a happy holiday to those who celebrate.

Commissioner Marseglia thanked those involved with putting the ballot video together as well as the staff involved with putting the meeting together.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Upon motion of Commissioner DiGirolamo, seconded by Commissioner Harvie, with the vote being 3-0, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: November 20, 2024
BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Official copy on file with chief clerk)

BY:

Gene DiGirolamo
Commissioner, Secretary

ATTEST:

Gail Humphrey, *Chief Clerk*